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Ms Christine McDonald
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Parliament House
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Dear Ms McDonald

ESTIMATES HEARING 24 MAY 2010 – DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE

During the consideration of the Senate Department's budget estimates on Monday 24 May 2010, Senator Ronaldson asked a question about media monitoring which was taken on notice by the Usher of the Black Rod.

The response to this question on notice is attached for the Committee's reference.

Yours sincerely,

(Rosemary Laing)

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**FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ESTIMATES HEARING, 24 MAY 2010
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ANSWER BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE**

Question: Senator Ronaldson asked about media monitoring services, in particular if the PDFs of the news clippings are archived after they are no longer displayed on the Senate Intranet and if is there any way to make them available rather than using Parl-Info?

Answer:

News clippings are displayed in electronic format as PDF documents for the preceding seven to ten days. Currently, these files are not archived after that. Media Monitors advises that an additional copyright fee would be payable if news clippings were retained for a period longer than 90 days.

There is also a note at the bottom of the Senate Intranet screen which advises that a wide range of previous press articles are available on the Parliamentary Library newspaper clippings database.

As part of the department's structural review, the feasibility will be explored of storing files and news clippings for a longer period of time on the intranet, but not so as to incur an additional copyright fee.